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The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" Such exemptions are given; but they are generally done only in the case of thrift societies, and not in the case of ordinary co-operative credit societies."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Government are aware that this rule is acting prejudicially to the interests of the co-operative societies? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I do not think so."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask the Hon. the Minister whether he will make investigations into the facts contained in the memorial presented to him, and whether until that time, he will stay further proceedings, which will prejudicially affect prominent co-operators of the city? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I have already told the hon. Member that the matter is receiving the consideration of the Government."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, why this rule exists at all? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" In the interests of the societies, Sir."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the intention of the rule is that the co-operators should not borrow from more than one society at the same time, and where no such condition exists, is there any necessity for a strict application of this rule? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" As the hon. Member pointed out, it is with a view to prevent people from borrowing from more than one society; but the Government cannot take into account the cases of individuals. That is why the rule has been in force."

Local Self-Government

Disciplinary action taken by Government for alleged irregularity in the conduct of elections to the Chingleput District Board in 1932.

* 865 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the action taken by the Government to trace the missing bundles of counterfoils or punish the officer or officers responsible for the loss of the counterfoils in connexion with the election held in 1932 to the District Board of Chingleput?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 830.

Sanction accorded by Government for certain appointments and confirmations on the establishment of the Salem District Board.

* 866 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently passed orders directing the presidents of district boards not to fill up the vacancies in their establishments either by permanent or by acting appointments;

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(b) whether a copy of the order will be placed on the table;

(c) whether the President, Salem District Board, applied for the approval and sanction of any appointments and confirmations made by him since the date of the Government Order referred to in clause (a);

(d) whether the Government have accorded their approval and sanction for such appointments and confirmations;

(e) if so, what the reasons are for giving such saniation; and

(f) whether the copies of the letter or letters of the president, pleading for approval and the orders of Government in each case will be placed on the table?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy[a] of G.O. No. 692, L. & M., dated the 9th February 1934, referred to is placed on the table.

(c) Yes; in regard to the confirmation of three clerks, one peon and two lascars.

(d) & (e) The Government accorded their approval to the President, District Board's action as the confirmation of the employees ordered by him was before the receipt of the Government Order in the office of the district board.

(f) The Government see no need to place the papers on the table.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know what made the Government give their approval to the confirmation of those persons when there were so many taluk board employees waiting to be appointed to the service?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"If the hon. Member reads the printed answer, he will find that the confirmation was before the receipt of the Government Order in the office of the district board."

Grants for works undertaken by the Panchayats.

* 867 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the basis on which grants for works undertaken by the panchayats are given by the Government;

(b) whether labour contributed by the villagers is taken into account and treated as part of the contribution made by the panchayats;

(c) whether the Engineering staff of the District Board is required to prepare estimates, supervise the work of construction, checkmeasure and prepare the final bills in respect of all works undertaken by the panchayats; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to employ special Engineering staff to carry out the works of the panchayats?

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a Printed as Appendix IV on page 851 infra.